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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division March 18, 2004

2004-2005 WMD Hunting Season Proposals and Code Revisions Approval

Presented by Donny Harris, Chief

The proposals of the Wildlife Management Division for the 2004-2005 statewide hunting seasons and code revisions were submitted at the February 20th Commission Meeting. These proposals do not include deer, bear or turkey proposals. Attached are the final proposals and minute order for your approval.

Donny Harris, Chief Wildlife Management Division

APPROVED 2004-2005 STATEWIDE GENERAL HUNTING SEASON PROPOSALS AND CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS

(excluding deer, bear and turkey)

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Code Corrections/Revisions - Blue Ink

Approved Calendar Adjustments - Orange Ink

Quail (2.05)

November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005, statewide. Bag limit: daily 6, possession 12.

Rabbit (2.06)

September 4, 2004-February 28, 2005, statewide. Bag limit: daily 8, possession 16.

Fall Squirrel (2.08)

North Zone: September 4, 2004-February 28, 2005. Bag limit: daily 8, possession 16. South Zone: October 2, 2004-February 28, 2005. Bag limit: daily 8, possession 16.

2005 Spring Squirrel (2.08)

May 14-June 12, 2005. No dogs. Bag limit: daily 8, possession 16.

Coyote (2.09)

September 1, 2004-February 28, 2005. Dogs allowed except during a firearms deer season where dogs are not allowed to run deer; and from the first day of spring turkey season through the last day of spring squirrel season, no dogs allowed. No limit on coyotes.

Furbearing Animal Hunting and Trapping (2.07, 2.11, 2.12, 10.09, 18.03, 22.01)

Hunting: Sunrise, September 1, 2004-Sunset, February 28, 2005. Limit two per day per species, except for raccoon, muskrat, nutria and beaver.

Raccoon may be taken day or night from **November 12, 2004**-March 31, **2005**. Dogs are required for night hunting. No limit. **Raccoon** may be hunted at night (with the use of dogs) from July 1-August 31, **2004**. Limit one.

Bobcats may be taken during daylight hours with archery tackle, firearms (.30 caliber or smaller) or shotguns (with T size or smaller shot). Limit two.

Muskrat, Nutria and Beaver trapping: Sunrise, November 12, 2004-sunset, March 31, 2005. No limit.

Trapping: Sunrise, November 12, 2004-Sunset, February 6, 2005. No limit. Coyote Trapping: August 1, 2004-March 31, 2005.

Crow (2.10)

September 4, 2004-February 25, 2005. Open Thursdays-Mondays only. No limit. (124 days)

Elk (2.21)

Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Public Land Hunt)

September 20-24, 2004. Four bull permits (one per zone). December 6-10, 2004. Three bull permits (one each for zones 1, 2 and 4) and twelve antlerless permits (three per zone).

Zone 3 (Public Land Youth Hunt)

December 6-10, 2004. One either-sex permit. Youth hunt. Youths under 16 years of age applying for an elk hunt will automatically be in this drawing. If youth is drawn for both hunts (the regular hunt and the youth hunt) the youth will receive the permit for which he/she was first drawn for and a redraw will be done on the second permit.

Zone A (Private Land Hunt)

September 20-24 and December 6-10, 2004. Either-sex. Limit one. Quota of 5 elk per hunt.

Approved 2004-2005 GENERAL CODE OF REGULATIONS REVISIONS AND CHANGES

01.00-D CONFISCATION AND SEIZURE.

03-04

- (A) Any wildlife, including but not limited to game animals, birds and fish, that is taken, transported, or sold in violation of any Commission Code regulation is declared to be contraband and may be seized under authority of this Commission Code. Upon conviction of the offender, or sooner if the court having jurisdiction so orders, title to the wildlife shall be forfeited to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and such wildlife released or disposed of in accordance with Commission policy.
- (B) Any equipment, including but not limited to guns, archery equipment, traps, tackle, nets, boats, lights, motors, vehicles and other fishing or hunting gear or devices, used in connection with a violation of any of the following Commission Code regulations is declared to be contraband and may be seized under authority of this Commission Code:
 - 02.14 Bear Hunting Season.
 - 02.21 Elk Hunting Season.
 - 03.13 Special Guide License Requirements.
 - 04.03 Hunting Wild Turkey Over Bait Prohibited.
 - 04.06 Wild Turkey Hen Restrictions.
 - 06.04 Taking of Doe Deer Prohibited.
 - 07.03 Modern Firearms Prohibited During Muzzleloading Deer Seasons.
 - 08.03 Possession of Firearms While Archery and Crossbow Hunting Prohibited.
 - 11.04 Hunting or Fishing After Revocation of License Prohibited.
 - 15.17 Wildlife Translocation Permit Requirement.
 - 15.18 Wildlife Importation Restrictions.
 - 17.03 Legal Bull Elk Requirements.
 - 17.04 Taking of Antlerless Elk Prohibited.
 - 18.01 Hunting Wildlife in Closed Season Prohibited.
 - 18.02 Night Hunting Prohibited.
 - 18.03 Selling Wildlife Restrictions.
 - 18.05 Taking Wildlife at Night From a Boat Prohibited.
 - 18.14 Taking of Alligator Prohibited.
 - 18.20 Taking of Raptors and Bald Eagles Prohibited.
 - 19.12 Endangered Species Protected.
 - 20.06 Cutting Devices Prohibited on Commission Owned WMAs and WDAs.
 - 25.09 Guiding Restrictions on Certain Wildlife Management Areas.

- 32.01 Taking Fish With Electrical Devices, Firearms, Explosives, Toxic, Stupefying Or Killing Substances Prohibited.
- 32.02 Trapping Fish Prohibited.
- 41.05 (A) Resident Roe Taker/Seller Permit Requirements.
- 41.05 (B) Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter and Non-Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit Requirements.
- 41.05 (C) Roe Buyer/Exporter Reporting Requirements.
- 41.08 Illegal Commercial Tackle Prohibited.
- 41.13 Commercial Fishing by Non-Resident Prohibited.
- 41.39 Closed Paddlefish, Sturgeon and Bowfin Harvest Season.
 Upon conviction of the offender, the court having
 jurisdiction may order title to the equipment forfeited to the
 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and such equipment
 disposed of in accordance with Commission policy.
 Equipment confiscated may be advertised and sold at public
 auction with the proceeds of the sale to be deposited in the
 Game Protection Fund.
- (C) Procedural matters regarding seizure and forfeiture of contraband not otherwise addressed herein shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 15 (Disposition of Seized Things) of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, as amended.

01.00J POINT SYSTEM FOR HUNTING AND/OR FISHING VIOLATIONS

03-04

Upon the accumulation of 12 points for hunting and/or fishing violations within a three-year period, **the individual will be shall result in the individual being** ineligible to apply for any Commission deer, turkey and elk permit hunts for **the duration of** the **following** three-years **period**. The accumulation of 18 points for hunting and/or fishing violations within a three-year period may result in the revocation of all hunting and/or fishing licenses and the privileges attached thereto for one year, and the accumulation of 30 points within a five year period may result in the loss of all licenses and privileges for three years. A revocation of hunting and/or fishing licenses and privileges occurring for a third time during an individual's lifetime may result in the lifetime revocation of all hunting and/or fishing licenses and privileges. Any person who forfeits bond, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or is found guilty of violating any hunting or fishing regulation shall be assigned points as follows:

CODE NO.	TYPE OF VIOLATION	POINTS
02.14	Bear Hunting Season	18
02.18	Shooting Bears In Dens Prohibited	18
02.20	Hunting Bear Over Bait	18
02.21	Elk Hunting Season	30
02.13 A	Arkansas Wildlife Harvest Recording	
	Requirements	09 12
02.13B	Arkansas Wildlife Harvest Checking	

	Requirements	09 12
03.08	Counterfeiting License	18
03.13	Special Guide License Requirements	18
11.04	Hunting or Fishing	
	After Revocation of License	
	Prohibited	30
11.08	Hunting, Fishing or Trapping Without	
	Landowner/Lessee Permission Prohibited	09
17.03	Legal Bull Elk Requirements	18
17.04	Taking of Antlerless Elk Prohibited	18
18.01	Hunting Wildlife in Closed Season	30
18.02	Night Hunting	30
18.03	Selling Game	**
18.04	Road Hunting	18
18.14	Taking of Alligators	18
18.15	Possession of Mountain Lions	18
18.20	Taking of Raptors (except Bald Eagles)	18
18.20a	Taking of Bald Eagles	30
19.12	Endangered Species	30
25.09	Guiding Restrictions on Certain	
	WMAs (Guides)	18
25.09	Guiding Restrictions on Certain	
	WMAs (Guided Hunters)	09
31.07	Sale of Game Fish	18
32.01	Taking Fish with Electrical	
	Devices or Toxic Substances	30
36.03	Sale of Bullfrogs	18
38.01	Mussel Shell Taker, Buyer and	
	Seller License and Reporting	
	Requirements	18
41.05 (A)	Resident Roe Taker/Seller Permit	
	Requirements	18
41.05 (B)	Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter and	
	Non-Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit	
44.07.(3)	Requirements	18
41.05 (C)	Roe Buyer/Exporter Reporting	1.0
41.10	Requirements	18
41.13	Commercial Fishing by Non-	1.0
41.20	Resident Prohibited	18
41.39	Closed Paddlefish, Sturgeon and Bowfin	1.0
44.06	Harvest Season	18
44.06	Commercial Fishing for Certain	
	Fish Prohibited in Lower Ouachita	1.0
* A 11 O 1	River	18
*All Others		06

^{*}Boating regulations are not included in points toward revocation.

**18.03 Selling Wildlife Restrictions. A conviction for violating this regulation may result in the lifetime revocation of all hunting and/or fishing licenses.

The following violations shall result in a double assessment of the respective point value for the violation committed upon final court disposition:

- 1) Any violation occurring on a Commission-owned Wildlife Management Area (except boating statutes).
- 2) Any violation of harvest regulations committed by a Guide License holder.
- 3) Any violation of trout harvest regulations in a trout catch and release area.
- 4) Any violation of bass harvest regulations on lakes designated as Trophy Bass Management Areas (Lakes Monticello, Lower White Oak, Columbia, SWEPCO, Pickthorne and Austelle).
- 5) Adults 21 years or older when accompanying youth under 16.
- **QUAIL SEASON** (2004-2005). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take quail other than during the open season as specified herein:

 November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 statewide.

EXCEPTION:

(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.02 (Quail Season Restricted on Certain WMAs).

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

O2.06 RABBIT SEASON (2004-2005). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take rabbits other than during the open season as specified herein: September 4, 2004-February 28, 2005.

EXCEPTION:

(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.03 (Rabbit Season Restricted on Certain WMAs).

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

- **FURBEARER SEASONS** (2004-2005). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take furbearers anytime other than during the open furbearer seasons as specified herein: (Ref: 01.00-C Furbearers).
 - (A) Furbearer Hunting: Sunrise, <u>September 1, 2004-Sunset, February</u> 28, 2005.
 - (B) Furbearer Trapping: <u>Sunrise</u>, <u>November 12</u>, <u>2004-Sunset</u>, <u>February 6</u>, <u>2005</u>.
 - (C) Muskrat, Nutria and Beaver Season: <u>Sunrise</u>, <u>November 12</u>, <u>2004</u>-<u>Sunset</u>, <u>March 31</u>, <u>2005</u>.
 - (D) Coyote Trapping: August 1, 2004-March 31, 2005. EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Raccoon may be taken day or night from November 12, 2004-March 31, 2005. (Ref. Code 18.02)
- (2) Raccoon may be hunted at night (with the use of dogs) from July 1-August 31, 2004. (Ref. Code 18.02)
- (3) In compliance with Commission Codes 02.09 (Coyote Hunting Season), 10.03 (Nuisance Furbearing Animal Trapping Restrictions), and 18.01 (Hunting Wildlife in Closed Season Prohibited).
- (4) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.07 (Furbearer Season Closed or Restricted on Certain WMAs). **PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- **O2.08 SQUIRREL SEASONS** (2004-2005). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take squirrels other than during the squirrel seasons as specified herein:
 - 2004-2005 Fall Squirrel Season:

North Zone: September 4, 2004-February 28, 2005. South Zone: October 2, 2004-February 28, 2005.

2005 Spring Squirrel Season:

May 14-June 12, 2005 statewide (no dogs allowed for purposes of taking squirrel).

EXCEPTION:

(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.04 (Squirrel Seasons Restricted on Certain WMAs).

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

COYOTE HUNTING SEASON. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take coyotes other than from <u>September 1, 2004-February 28, 2005</u>, dogs allowed; and from the first day of spring Turkey season through the last day of spring Squirrel season, no dogs allowed.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (l) Dogs allowed during modern gun deer season where dogs are lawful to run deer Dogs are not allowed in deer zones where a firearms deer season is in progress that prohibits the use of dogs.
- (2) Dogs allowed during furbearer hunting and trapping season.
- During youth turkey hunts only youths may take coyotes (Ref. 23.02). No limit.
- (3) In compliance with Commission Code 18.09 (Depredation Permit).
- (4) In compliance with Commission Code 15.16 (Native Wildlife Pet Restrictions).
- (5) In compliance with Commission Code 10.04 (Nuisance Animal Trapping Requirements).
- (6) While committing damage to domestic animals or personal property.
- (7) In compliance with Commission Code 18.02 Night Hunting Prohibited.
- (8) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.08 (Coyote Season Closed or Restricted on Certain WMAs).

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

02.10 CROW HUNTING SEASON. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take crow other than during the open season as specified herein:

September 4, 2004-February 25, 2005, Thursdays through Mondays only (124 days). No limit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) While committing damage to domestic animals or personal property.
- (2) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations Reference Code 24.09 (Crow Season Closed or Restricted on Certain WMAs).

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

02.13A ARKANSAS WILDLIFE HARVEST RECORDING

- 03-04 **REQUIREMENTS**. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with the following provisions:
 - (A) Upon taking each deer, turkey, or bear, every hunter shall immediately punch out the hole next to the appropriate printed line on his/her "Record of Game" (included on Commission issued universal license form). Further, said hunter shall immediately write legibly in ink, providing information requested by blank spaces on "Record of Game" in true and accurate form.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Non-resident hunters under sixteen years of age, who purchase an appropriate license upon taking said game, are exempted from immediately complying with provisions above. Ref. Code 3.03 Hunting License Requirements, Exception (2).
- (2) Resident hunters under sixteen years of age and holders of lifetime hunting licenses are exempted from the provisions of (A) above.
- (3) Does taken with deer camp doe tags and bucks taken with the Deer Management Assistance Program Management Buck tags.

PENALTY: \$250.00 to \$1,000.00

02.13B ARKANSAS WILDLIFE HARVEST CHECKING REQUIREMENTS.

O3-04 It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with the following provision:
Upon taking each deer, turkey, or bear (see exception 3 below), every hunter must, within 24 hours of harvest, check said game at an Official Wildlife Check Station (designed designated county check stations, designated commission employees, designated deer camps or the commission's on-line checking web site). Said hunter shall provide information requested by check stations. Game may be field dressed prior to checking but evidence of sex must remain until checked.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Black bears must be checked within 24 hours after harvest by calling the toll free number listed in the **Arkansas Hunting regulation Guide**book. Hunters are required to extract a first an upper or lower premolar from the carcass and give to the check station operator for age determination.
- (2) Elk must be checked within 12 hours in accordance with permit provisions at a designated elk check station or by a designated Commission employee. Elk may be quartered in the field to prevent spoilage due to difficulties resulting from large animals taken in remote areas. Evidence of sex must remain until checked and the animal's head must be presented for checking.
- (3) Black bears and deer may be quartered in the field to prevent spoilage due to difficulties resulting from large animals taken in remote areas.
- (4) Hunters in the Check Sheet Program must check deer or turkey immediately upon return to the camp and in no case, more than four hours after harvest.

PENALTY: \$250.00 to \$1,000.00

O2.21 ELK HUNTING SEASON. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess elk other than during the open seasons as specified herein:

September 20-24, 2004. No dogs. One bull permit (valid in elk zone 1), one bull permit (valid in elk zone 2), one bull permit (valid in elk zone 3), and one bull permit (valid in elk zone 4).

December 6-10, 2004. No dogs. One bull permit (valid in elk zone 1), one bull permit (valid in elk zone 2), one either sex youth permit (valid in elk zone 3), and one bull permit (valid in elk zone 4).

Three antlerless permits (valid in elk zone 1), three antlerless permits (valid in elk zone 2), three antlerless permits (valid in elk zone 3) and three antlerless permits (valid in elk zone 4).

September 20-24, 2004 and December 6-10, 2004. No dogs.

Either-sex permits valid for elk in elk zone A. Each hunt period will end when the quota of elk has been harvested in zone A. The quota for the September 20-24, 2004 hunt period is 5 elk. The quota for the December 6-10, 2004 hunt period is 5 elk.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) When Elk carcasses and parts legally harvested outside the state and accompanied by verification.
- (2) In compliance with Section 15.00 (Captive Wildlife/Hunting Resorts).

PENALTY: Not less than \$5,000.00.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS ESTABLISHED AS ZONES. 03-04 Each Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (Ref. Code 01.00C) and shall be considered as a separate zone for the purpose of establishing and applying setting hunting regulations. All private lands (including any combinations)

of lands separately owned, and regardless of whether such lands touch a road, creek, stream, river, lake or other waterbody) that which are completely surrounded by WMA lands shall be are considered as inholdings. Such in-holdings shall be included and are in the same zone as the surrounding WMA lands and are subject to the same state regulations pertaining to hunting seasons, hunting hours, bag limits, and hunting permits as that zone WMA. All Private lands which that are completely surrounded by a combination of WMA and National Wildlife Refuge lands shall likewise be are considered as in-holdings, and are in the same zone as the surrounding NWR lands and are subject to the same regulations pertaining to hunting seasons, hunting hours, bag limits, and hunting permits as that zone. All private lands which are completely surrounded by any combination of WMA or NWR lands are considered as inholdings, and are subject to the same state regulations as the WMA (State) pertaining to hunting seasons, hunting hours, bag limits, and hunting permits as that the WMA zone.

TAKING OF DOE DEER PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take or possess doe deer.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) If said **doe deer** in possession was legally taken **and checked** in a zone or area declared open by the Commission to the taking of **doe either sex deer**.
- (2) If said deer was Deer carcasses and parts legally taken in another harvested outside the state and accompanied by verification.
- (3) In compliance with Section 15.00 (Captive Wildlife/Hunting Resorts).

PENALTY: \$150.00 to \$1,000.00, and hunting privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

10.12 BOBCAT AND OTTER PELT TAGGING REQUIREMENT.

O3-04 It shall be unlawful to export bobcat, **or** river otter **or** red **fox** pelts from Arkansas without first having said pelts tagged by a Commission employee. **PENALTY**: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

15.01 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY

- O3-04 **PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to hold captive, confine, enclose or otherwise possess alive in the State of Arkansas any furbearer, game animal, game bird, game fish or other wildlife, whether native or non-native, migratory or imported, unless authorized or excepted as specified herein: **EXCEPTIONS:**
 - (1) Any furbearer, game animal, game bird or game fish legally taken during an authorized season in compliance with all applicable hunting, trapping and fishing restrictions in this Code Book may be possessed.

- (2) Commission employees may hold captive and possess wildlife as necessary to perform authorized duties.
- (3) Wildlife (except for fish, bullfrogs, mussels, turtles and alligators) may be held captive and possessed in compliance with the following Commission Codes:
 - (A) Commission Codes 15.08 et seq. (Commercial Game Bird Shooting Resort License).
 - (B) Commission Codes 15.04 et seq. (Wildlife Commercial Hunting Resort Permit).
 - (C) Commission Code 15.12 et seq. (Wildlife Commercial Breeder/Dealer permit).
 - (D) Commission Codes 15.14 et seq. (Special Commercial Quail Permit Requirements).
 - (E) Commission Code 15.16 et seq. (Native Wildlife Pet Restrictions).
 - (F) Commission Codes 14.03 et. seq. (Falconry Permit).
 - (G) Commission Codes 15.02 et seq. (Captive Non-Native Wildlife).
 - (H) Commission Code 15.19 (Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit).
- (4) Fish, bullfrogs, mussels, turtles and alligators may be held captive and possessed in compliance with the following Commission codes:
 - (A) Commission Code Section 36.00 (Bull Frog Regulations).
 - (B) Commission Code Section 37.00 (Minnow Regulations).
 - (C) Commission Code Section 38.00 (Fresh Water Mussel Regulations).
 - (D) Commission Code Section 39.00 (Turtle Regulations).
 - (E) Commission Code Section 40.00 (Alligator Farming Regulations).
 - (F) Commission Code Section 41.00 (Commercial Fishing Regulations).
 - (G) Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer Regulations).
- (5) Organizations that are accredited members of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZAA) and municipal zoos and aquariums.
- (6) Individuals or organizations may be permitted to hold captive and possess on a temporary basis raccoons, fox, coyote, or pen-raised quail for the purpose of dog training or AKC, UKC and ACHA field trails upon requesting and receiving written approval from the Chief of Wildlife Director.
- (7) Individuals or organizations that the Director determines are determined to be involved in bona fide scientific research, education or conservation efforts of significant benefit to wildlife or wildlife habitat in the State of Arkansas may be permitted to hold captive and possess wildlife in compliance with the terms of a special-issued permit.
- (8) Individuals or organizations in possession of a USDA exhibitor and/or rehabilitation permit that are not engaged in rehabilitation of

sick, injured, orphaned, or impaired native wildlife and/or those only rehabilitating migratory birds under a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird rehabilitation permit.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

15.04 WILDLIFE **COMMERCIAL** HUNTING RESORT PERMIT.

11-00/03-04

- (A) It shall be unlawful for a person to operate or maintain a high fence enclosure for hunting purposes wildlife commercial hunting resort without annually first obtaining a Wildlife Commercial Hunting Resort Permit.
- (B) Native game **animals** (except black bear) may be hunted in accordance with statewide hunting regulations in enclosures equal to or greater than 500 contiguous acres of free range, having a fence of not less than eight (8) feet in height with no cross fencing that has the effect of reducing the size of the area to less than 500 contiguous acres, and having a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of forested cover that has been classified as timberland by the local county tax assessor provided the owner **has properly permitted registers** the enclosure with the Commission sixty days prior to initiation of hunting, or upon any change of ownership or enclosure size.
- (C) Hunting of **protected wildlife and** non-native wildlife is prohibited.
- (D) It shall be unlawful for owners or operators of wildlife hunting resorts to fail to keep legible and complete records showing the name, current address, date and number of wildlife taken by each hunter. These records shall be filed with the Commission no later than May 1 of each year.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Deer and elk may be hunted with any weapon legal for deer or elk hunting within high fence enclosures from October 1 through February (Ref. Commission Code 02.01).
- (2) A Wildlife Commercial Hunting Resort Permit is not required for pens in which red fox, gray fox, and coyote are pursued (fox pens) unless the facility is also a high fence enclosure in which other native game species are hunted.

PENALTY: \$500.00 to \$1000.00.

15.05 RELEASE OF NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE WILDLIFE

11-00/03-04

PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to release into the wild any native or non-native species of wildlife without prior approval of the Commission. **EXCEPTIONS:**

- (A 1) In accordance with a valid Commercial Game Bird Shooting Resort Permit specially relating to captive raised quail, pheasant, chukar and mallards.
- (**B 2**) AGFC personnel in the performance of their official duties.

- (3) Native wildlife, other than mountain lions, in accordance with a valid Commission Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit or a United States Fish and Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.
- (4) Raccoon, fox, coyote, and pen-raised quail held captive on a temporary basis under a permit issued by the Chief of Wildlife Ref. Code 15.01 Exception 6 (Possession of Certain Wildlife in Captivity Prohibited).
- (5) In compliance with Exception 1 to Code 09.07 (Bird Dog Training Restrictions).
- (6) In accordance with a valid Falconry permit Ref. Code 14.03 (Falconry Permit Required).
 PENALTY: \$500.00 to \$1000.00.

15.09 COMMERCIAL GAME BIRD SHOOTING RESORT RECORD

O3-04 **REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for owners or operators of commercial game bird shooting resorts to fail to keep legible records showing the name, complete address, date, number and type of birds taken by each hunter. These records shall be filed with the Commission not later that May 1 of each year.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

15.12 WILDLIFE COMMERCIAL BREEDER/DEALER PERMIT REQUIREMENT.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for a person to rear, breed, propagate, produce or distribute any furbearing animals, game animals, game birds, or other wildlife for commercial purposes without a Wildlife Commercial Breeder/Dealer Permit.
- (B) Wildlife Commercial Breeder/Dealer Permits for new facilities rearing, breeding, propagating, producing or distributing any member of the cervidae family, including, but not limited to white-tailed deer and elk shall not be issued after October 17, 2002.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Fish, bullfrogs, mussels, turtles, and alligators in compliance with the following Commission Codes:
 - (a) Commission Code Section 36.00 (Bull Frog Regulations).
 - (b) Commission Code Section 37.00 (Minnow Regulations).
 - (c) Commission Code Section 38.00 (Fresh Water Mussel Regulations).
 - (d) Commission Code Section 39.00 (Turtle Regulations).
 - (e) Commission Code Section 40.00 (Alligator Farming Regulations).
 - (f) Commission Code Section 41.00 (Commercial Fishing Regulations).
 - (g) Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer Regulations).

(h) Game birds legally killed on a Game Bird Shooting
Resort Commission Ref: Code 15.08 (Commercial Game
Bird Shooting Resort License).

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1000.00

15.13 WILDLIFE COMMERCIAL BREEDER/DEALER PERMIT GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (A) The applicant must supply satisfactory evidence that stock has been/will be secured from a legal source other than the wild stock of the state
- (B) Stock may be slaughtered in accordance with established husbandry practices for slaughter of domestic livestock.
- (C) Fencing of enclosures in which deer, elk, or other big game animals are to be held must consist of a permanent deer-proof fence at least eight (8) feet in height and constructed in a manner so as to prohibit escape of captive wildlife and the possible ingress of native wildlife.
- (D) It shall be unlawful for owners or operators of commercial wildlife breeder/dealer facilities to fail to submit legible and complete reports by the 5th of each month on a form provided by the Commission of their inventory on the last day of the month, the number of animals of each species that were born or died that month, the species and number of each species acquired or distributed each month and the name, current address, and phone number of each person from whom wildlife was acquired or to whom it was distributed.

EXCEPTION:

(1) Red fox, gray fox, and coyote that have originated from the wild in Arkansas and are in compliance with the disease control provisions of Commission Code 15.11C may be reared, bred, propagated, produced or distributed by individuals with a current Wildlife Commercial Breeder/Dealer permit.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1000.00

18.01 HUNTING WILDLIFE IN CLOSED SEASON PROHIBITED. It shall 03-04 be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess any species of wildlife, or portions thereof, other than during a season open by the Commission. **EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code 15.16 (Native Wildlife Pet Restrictions);
- (2) In compliance with Commission Code 18.09 (Depredation Permits);
- (3) In compliance with Commission Code 10.03 (Nuisance Furbearing Animal Trapping Restrictions);
- (4) In compliance with Commission Code 10.04 (Nuisance Animal Trapping Requirements);
- (5) In compliance with Commission Code Section 15.00 (Captive Wildlife/ Hunting Resorts);

- (6) Wildlife legally obtained or brought from outside the state and accompanied by verification;
- (7) Nuisance Furbearing Animals (Beaver, Muskrat, Nutria);
 - (a) Beaver taken the entire year with firearms during daylight hours only and/or by trapping in water sets only outside the declared furbearing animal season.
 - (b) Muskrat and Nutria trapping in compliance with Commission Code 10.03 (B) and taken the entire year with firearms during daylight hours only, by landowners, controllers or their designees on their property where damage is being committed.
 - (c) Taken with firearms at night in compliance with Commission Code 18.09 (Depredation Permit).
- (8) Nuisance nongame animals which pose reasonable threat or endangerment to persons or property, excluding Federally-protected-migratory birds and endangered species.
- (9) In compliance with Commission Code 39.01 (License Requirements for Taking Turtles).
- (10) In compliance with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).
- (11) Armadillos (Dasypus novemcinctus), house mice (Mus musculus), black rats (Rattus rattus) and Norway Rats (Rattus norvegicus).

PENALTY: \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

In addition, a jail sentence not to exceed 10 days may be imposed and hunting privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges. Equipment used in such violations (including but not limited to killing devices and lights) may be confiscated by the court, forfeited to the State, and disposed of according to law.

18.02-A USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to shine any artificial light from any public road, street, or highway or from within the boundaries of any wildlife management area.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Use by a law enforcement officer, Game and Fish Officer personnel, emergency service worker or utility company employee in the performance of their duties.
- (2) Use by a person or his employee to examine real or personal property or livestock **on that person's** owned or rented **property**.
- (3) Use by a person to assist in the repair or removal of a motor vehicle or **farm equipment**-other property.
- (4) The taking of bullfrogs and furbearers during the established respective bullfrog and furbearer seasons.
 This act shall not apply within the boundaries of a city of the first class or a city of the second class.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

SELLING WILDLIFE RESTRICTIONS. It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, offer for sale, barter or trade any species of wildlife or portions thereof.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Furbearer pelts and carcasses taken during a furbearer_season.
- (2) In compliance with Section 15.00 (Captive Wildlife/Hunting Resorts).
- (3) In compliance with Commission Code 36.04 (License Requirements for Sale of Bullfrogs by Fish Farmers).
- (4) In compliance with Commission Code 41.07 (Requirements for Selling Commercial Fish).
- (5) In compliance with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).
- (6) In compliance with Commission Code 39.01 (License Requirements for Taking Turtles).
- (7) In compliance with Commission Code 37.02 (Minnow Dealers License Requirements).
- (8) In compliance with Commission Code 38.01 (Mussel Shell Taker Buyer, and Seller License Requirements).
- (9) In compliance with 31.07-A (Sale of Bait Prohibited).
- (10) Squirrel tails, deer antlers, deer hides and feathers from non-migratory game birds legally taken.
- (11) Wild animals Legally acquired commercially raised wildlife from outside the state and accompanied by verification documentation verifying origin and in compliance with Section 15.00.
- (12) Coyote (In compliance with Comm. Codes 10.02, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08, 10.13 & 10.14.

PENALTY: \$500.00 to \$2,000.00. Also, a jail sentence not to exceed one (1) year may be imposed.

18.10 HUNTING PROHIBITED IN STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take wildlife in any state or national park in Arkansas or to possess any killing device in said parks.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Buffalo National River.
- (2) During specified hunting seasons and in designated hunting areas on Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area.
- (3) Shooting ranges on Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area and Ozark Folk Center, in compliance with rules posted at each location.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

18.16 TAKING OF ELK PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to take,
02-81/04-98 attempt to take, or possess an elk or any part thereof at any time.
EXCEPTION:

- (1) When legally obtained outside the state and accompanied by verification.
- (2) In compliance with Commission Code 02.21, Elk Hunting Season..

PENALTY: Not less than \$5,000.00.

19.10 CAMPING AND DRIVING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WMAs

AND WDAs. It shall be unlawful to camp or allow any camper to remain on properties owned or controlled by the Commission for a period of more than 14 consecutive days, or for such a camp to remain unoccupied for a period of more than 48 hours, or to camp in areas other than designated camping areas on any WMA. It shall also be unlawful to create or be responsible for any disturbance after 10:00 p.m. It shall also be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle or camp on any food plot, fire lane, or road which has been disked, seeded or developed for wildlife use on any WMA or WDA.

EXCEPTIONS:

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- (1) Camping permit required for Poison Springs WMA (available from Arkansas Forestry Commission).
- (2) No camping allowed on the U of A Pine Tree Research Experimental Station WDA.
- (3) On U.S. Forest Service Cooperative WMAs campers must comply with U.S. Forest Service camping regulations only are restricted to 30 days in undeveloped campsites and 14 days in developed campsites.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

19.12 ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTED. It shall be illegal to import, 03-04 transport, sell, purchase, take or possess any endangered species of wildlife or parts thereof. Endangered fish and mussels in Arkansas include:

Fish - Ozark cavefish, leopard darter, pallid sturgeon (locally known as "white" sturgeon); Mussels - Curtis' pearly, fat pocketbook pearly, pink mucket, turgid blossom, speckled pocketbook, Arkansas fatmucket."

EXCEPTION:

(1) Legally acquired wildlife held under permit or held by a public zoo or museum, wildlife taken legally outside the state, or articles manufactured before January 1, 1973.

PENALTY: \$500.00 to \$2,000.00

20.02 FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs. It shall be unlawful to possess any rifle or pistol larger than .22 caliber rimfire; buckshot; or rifled slugs on any wildlife management area other than during the open gun deer or bear seasons on said area. (Ref. 06.02, Guns, Ammunition Prohibited during Regular Gun Deer Seasons; and 02.14, Killing Device Restrictions for Bear Hunting):

- (A) Big Lake, Brushy Creek, St. Francis Sunken Lands, and W. HLLIAM
 E. Brewer/Scatter Creek WMAs only shotguns (.410 gauge or larger, no buckshot allowed) with slugs or muzzleloaders shooting a single projectile only or centerfire handguns with barrels at least four inches in length during modern gun season.
- (B) Beaver Lake WMA (islands only), Greers Ferry WMA and that part of Trusten Holder WMA lying north of the Arkansas River and the Arkansas Post Canal from the Pendleton Bridge to Dam #2 including all lands surrounding Merrisach Lake, Post Lake, Moore Bayou and all associated Corps lands no rifles (including muzzleloading rifles) for any season.
- (C) Big Lake WMA it shall be unlawful to transport firearms in that portion of Ditch 28 within the Big Lake WMA without said firearms having been dismantled or encased.
- (D) Harris Brake shotguns only.
- (E) Lafayette County WMA no buckshot of any size.
- (F) U of A Pine Tree Research Experimental Station WDA no discharge of firearms other than in the act of hunting. Shotguns only (.410 gauge or larger, no buckshot allowed) with slugs or muzzleloaders shooting a single projectile only or centerfire handguns with barrels at least four inches in length during modern gun season.
- (G) Bell Slough WMA shotguns or rimfire rifles only.

 Possession of a license to carry a concealed handgun shall not be an exception to these firearm restrictions.
- (H) The Farm Unit within Bald Knob NWR, Johnson County WRA within Dardanelle WMA muzzleloaders **shooting a single projectile only** or shotguns with slugs.

EXCEPTIONS:

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- (1) Private landowners within boundaries of WMAs where they maintain a bona fide residence, within their homes or on their own land where normal agricultural activity is conducted.
- (2) Law enforcement officers and Game and Fish Commission employees in performance of their official job duties.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

20.04 REMOVAL OF OBJECTS PROHIBITED ON WMAs AND WDAS.

- (A) It shall be unlawful to remove any items or objects from any wildlife management area or any wildlife demonstration area, including rocks, fruits, nuts, acorns, artifacts, plants, etc., without previously approved permission from the Commission or its designees.
 - (B) It shall be unlawful to remove endangered plants from Commission-owned lands without the issuance of a Scientific Collection Permit. A permit from the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is also required to remove objects from Natural

Areas managed in conjunction with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

20.17 HUNTING RESTRICTED DURING FLOODING WITHIN CERTAIN

- **WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer for each WMA as specified herein:
 - (A) Big Lake WMA closes when the Seven Mile access gauge exceeds 236 m.s.l.
 - (B) Benson Creek Natural Area WMA closes when Flood Prone Region D closes.
 - (C) Brushy Creek WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
 - (D) Choctaw Island WMA closes when the gauge at Arkansas City on the Mississippi River reaches 35 feet.
 - (E) Dagmar WMA closes when Flood Prone Region D closes.
 - (F) Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA closes when the Black River Flood Prone Region closes.
 - (G) Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
 - (H) Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA closes when the White River gauge at Augusta exceeds 26 feet and will remain closed until the gauge falls to 14 feet or below at Georgetown.
 - (I) Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA closes when the Cache River gauge at Patterson exceeds 10 feet and will remain closed until until Cache River falls below 8.5 feet on said gauge.
 - (J) St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA closes when the St. Francis River Flood Prone Region closes.
 - (K) Trusten Holder WMA closes when Flood Prone Region F closes.
 - (L) Wattensaw WMA closes when Flood Prone Region D closes.
 - (M) Whitehall WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
 - (N) Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake WMA closes when the Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake Flood Prone Region closes.

Current gauge readings and flood prone region closures can be obtained by calling AGFC toll free and by accessing the AGFC website.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 21.02 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer during deer permit hunts on certain WMAs without first obtaining the required permit (Ref: Code 20.25 Non-Compliance with Terms Of Permit Hunts on WMAs Prohibited and Code 20.26 Season Restrictions During Permit Hunts on WMAs.) as specified herein:
 - (A) **Gun and Muzzleloader**: Bayou Meto, Blue Mountain (doe only), Bois D'Arc, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek (doe only), Choctaw **WMA**, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dagmar, Ed Gordon/Point Remove **WMA**, Ft. Chaffee, Lake Greeson, Gulf Mountain, Harold E. Alexander/ Spring River, Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake, Hobbs **SMA SP**-

- **CA**, Howard County, Madison County, Muddy Creek (doe only), Rex Hancock/Black Swamp, **St. Francis National Forest**, Sylamore (doe only), U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, Wattensaw, White River NWR (north unit) and Winona (doe only) WMAs.
- (B) **Gun, Muzzleloader and Archery:** Bald Knob NWR, Cache River NWR, Felsenthal NWR, Overflow NWR, Pond Creek NWR, and White River NWR (south unit).
- (C) **Gun only:** Camp Robinson WDA, J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA, Johnson County WRA (mobility impaired hunt) within Dardanelle WMA, Lafayette County WMA and Nimrod WMA and Wapanocca NWR (mobility impaired hunt).
- (D) Muzzleloader only: Dave Donaldson/Black River, Holland Bottoms, Greers Ferry Lake WMA (mobility impaired hunt), Lake Greeson (mobility impaired hunt), Little Bayou, Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake and Trusten Holder WMAs.
- (E) **Archery only:** Big Lake NWR, Holla Bend NWR, Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie **WMA** and **Wapanocca NWR**.
- (F) Youth only: Galla Creek WMA, Hope Upland WMA and J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA and St. Francis National Forest WMA.
- (G) A lease land permit is required for persons 16 years and older to camp, hunt or trap any type of wildlife on Big Timber, Casey Jones, Cherokee, Gum Flats, Lafayette County (except no permit is required to camp on Lafayette County) and Provo Leased Lands WMAs. A Cherokee WMA Lease Land permit is also required for the operation of motorcycles, bicycles, ATVs and horseback riding from October 1-February 28 and during Spring Turkey seasons in Spring Turkey Zones 2, 6 and 7 on Cherokee and Jim Kress WMAs, except on state or county roads.
- (H) Crossett Experimental Forest WMA: Permit is required to hunt or trap.
- (I) U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA: A permit is required for any person who pursues, hunts, or traps any type of wildlife.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

DOG RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, or pursue wildlife including feral hogs by the use of dogs on any Wildlife Management Areas.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Permitted AKC, UKC and ACHA field trials when approved by the Commission.
- (2) Quail and Rabbit Dog Training: September 1-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (3) Training dogs on Camp Robinson WDA, Wylie Cox Field Trial Area and J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA requires a current Arkansas hunting license and these areas are closed to dog training during organized field trials.
- (4) Dogs allowed are required for raccoon hunting at night only from July 1 September 1, 2003-March 31, 2004.

- (5) Use of dogs allowed are required for raccoon hunting at night from July 1-August 31, 2003.
- (6) J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA is open for training raccoon dogs at night only and rabbit dogs year around except during field trials. Quail Dog Training from October 1-April 1 except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (7) Waterfowl retrievers during open migratory bird seasons.
- (8) Dogs allowed for squirrel and rabbit hunting where no modern gun or muzzleloader deer season is open or where dogs are allowed for modern gun deer hunting.
- (9) Quail hunting with bird dog breeds only, during open season.
- (10) Modern gun deer hunting November 13-21 and November 25-December 5, 2003 on Cherokee WMA, November 29-December 12, 2004 on Gum Flats and Provo WMAs and November 25-December 5, 2004 on Lake Greeson and Mt. Magazine WMAs.
- (11) Dogs allowed for coyote, fox and bobcat hunting November 14, 2003-February 8, 2004 on Casey Jones and Cherokee WMAs during the declared furbearer season when a firearms deer season is closed.
- (12) Dogs allowed for modern gun deer season on Blue Mountain, Lloyd Millwood/Nimrod, Dardanelle and Ozark Lake WMAs, except no dogs on islands except waterfowl retrievers during waterfowl season and hunting furbearers at night.
- (13) Dogs allowed for fall squirrel hunting on the Casey Jones, Big Timber, Ozark National Forest, Piney Creeks and White Rock WMAs.
- (14) Dogs allowed for training and/or hunting under the conditions and during the seasons provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit on all NWRs. Field trials prohibited unless authorized by refuge Special Use Permit.
- (15) Quail and Rabbit Dog Training on Camp Robinson WDA from September 15-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (16) Employees of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the National Park Service or their designees engaged in official duties. **PENALTY**: \$100.00 to 1,000.00.
- **QUAIL SEASON RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess quail within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:
 - (A) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Holland Bottoms WMA (Tuesdays and Saturdays only).
 - (B) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Wattensaw WMA (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only, but closed on the Quail Habitat Restoration Area).

- (C) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Harold E. Alexander/Spring River WMA Quail hunting ends at Noon.
- (D) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Norfork Lake WMA (Chapin Point and Indian Head Units) quail hunting shall end at Noon.
- (E) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 in Compartment A. No permit required. December 4, 8, 11, 15 and 18, 2004 in Compartments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 within Gulf Mountain Quail Demonstration Area. Permit required. Limit: 5 per person.
- (F) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Hope Upland WMA (Tuesdays only). Limit: 4.
- (G) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Ed Gordon/Point Remove and Galla Creek WMAs (weekends only). Limit 4.
- (H) November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Big Timber Upland WDA. Quail permit required; hunters must complete a Hunter Report Form after each hunt.
- (I) <u>December 1, 2004-February 6, 2005</u> within Ft. Chaffee WMA.
- (J) November 1, 2004-January 31, 2005 within Felsenthal and Overflow NWRs.
- November 1, 2004-February 6, 2005 within Bald Knob NWR, (K) Bayou Des Arc WMA, Bayou Meto WMA, Beaver Lake WMA, Bell Slough **WMA**, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony/Lower Ouachita WMA, Big Creek Natural Area, Big Creek **WMA**, Big Lake WMA, Blevins **WMA**, Blue Mountain WMA, Bois D'Arc WMA, Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek WMA, Brushy Creek **WMA**, Buffalo National River **WMA**, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek WMA, Casey Jones WMA, Cattail Marsh WMA, Cedar Creek WMA, Cherokee WMA, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Chesney Prairie Natural Area, Cove Creek Natural Area, Choctaw Island WMA, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek WMA, Cypress Bayou WMA, Dagmar WMA, Dardanelle WMA, Dave Donaldson/Black River **WMA**, DePartee Creek **WMA**, Devil's Knob Natural Area, Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA. Ethel WMA. Gene Rush WMA. Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Greers Ferry Lake WMA, Gum Flats WMA, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area WMA, Harris Brake WMA, Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake, Hobbs SMA-SP-CA WMA, Howard County WMA, Howard Hensley/Searcy County WMA, Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown/Independence County **WMA**, Jim Kress **WMA**, Jones Point **WMA**, Lafayette County **WMA**, Lake Greeson **WMA**, Lee County **WMA**, Little Bayou **WMA**, Little River **WMA**, Loafer's Glory **WMA**, Madison County **WMA**, Moro Creek Bottoms Natural Area, Mount Magazine **WMA**, Muddy Creek **WMA**, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Lloyd Millwood/Nimrod WMA, Norfork Lake WMA (Seward Point, Bennett's Bayou and Fulton County Units), Ozan WMA,

Ozark Lake **WMA**, Ozark National Forest **WMA**, Petit Jean River **WMA**, Pine Bluff Arsenal **WMA**, Pine City Natural Area, Piney Creeks **WMA**, Poison Springs **WMA**, Prairie Bayou **WMA**, Provo **WMA**, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey **WMA**, Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA, Ring Slough WMA, River Bend WMA, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest **WMA**, St. Francis Sunken Lands **WMA**, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils **WMA**, Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake **WMA**, Slippery Hollow Natural Area WMA, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank **WMA**, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms **WMA**, Sulphur River **WMA**, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore WMA, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder **WMA**. U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, Warren Prairie Natural Area, W.E. Brewer/Scatter Creek **WMA**, White Cliffs Natural Area, Whitehall **WMA**, White Rock **WMA** Winona **WMA** and Wittsburg Natural Area **WMAs**.

(L) Closed within Big Lake NWR, Camp Robinson WDA, Electric Island WMA, Holla Bend NWR, J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA, Johnson County WRA, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRA within Dardanelle WMA, Pond Creek NWR, Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMA, Robert L. Hankins/Mud Creek WMA, Wattensaw WMA (closed only on the Quail Habitat Restoration Area), Wapanocca NWR, White River NWR, Wedington WMAs and Johnson County WRA, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRA within Dardanelle WMA.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

24.03 RABBIT SEASON RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess rabbit within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:

- (A) September 4, 2004 February 28, 2005 within Hope Upland WMA and Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMAs (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only).
- (B) October 2, 2004 January 31, 2005 within Felsenthal, Pond Creek and Overflow NWRs
- (C) October 1 November 30, 2004 within Wapanocca Holla Bend NWR.
- (D) <u>September 4 November 30, 2004</u> within White River NWR (South Unit) and <u>September 4, 2004 January 31, 2005</u> within White River (North Unit) NWR.
- (E) <u>September 4 October 31, 2004</u> within Big Lake NWR and Wapanocca NWRs.
- (F) <u>September 4, 2004 February 28, 2005</u> within Bald Knob NWR, Bayou Des Arc WMA, Bayou Meto WMA, Beaver Lake WMA, Bell Slough WMA, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony/Lower Ouachita WMA, Big Creek Natural Area, Big

Creek **WMA**, Big Lake WMA, Big Timber **WMA**, Blevins **WMA**, Blue Mountain WMA, Bois D'Arc WMA, Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek **WMA**, Brushy Creek **WMA**, Buffalo National River **WMA**, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek WMA, Casey Jones WMA, Cattail Marsh WMA, Cedar Creek WMA, Cherokee WMA, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Chesney Prairie Natural Area, Choctaw Island WMA, Cove Creek Natural Area, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek WMA, Cypress Bayou **WMA**, Dagmar **WMA**, Dardanelle **WMA**, Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA, DePartee Creek WMA, Devil's Knob Natural Area, Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA, Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA, Ethel WMA, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Ft. Chaffee WMA, Galla Creek WMA, Gene Rush WMA, Greers Ferry Lake WMA, Gulf Mountain WMA, Gum Flats WMA, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harold E. Alexander/Spring River **WMA**, Harris Brake **WMA**, Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA, Hobbs SMA-SP-CA, Holland Bottoms WMA, Howard County WMA, Howard Hensley/Searcy County, Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown/Independence County WMA, Jim Kress **WMA**, Jones Point **WMA**, Lafayette County **WMA**, Lake Greeson WMA, Lee County WMA, Little Bayou WMA, Little River WMA, Loafer's Glory **WMA**, Madison County, Moro Creek Bottoms Natural Area, Mount Magazine, Muddy Creek, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Lloyd Millwood/Nimrod, Norfork Lake, Ozan, Ozark Lake, Ozark National Forest, Pine City Natural Area, Petit Jean River, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Piney Creeks, Poison Springs, Prairie Bayou, Provo, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey, Rex Hancock/Black Swamp, Ring Slough, River Bend, Robert L. Hankins/Mud Creek WMA, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Sandhill Natural Area, Seven Devils, Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake, Slippery Hollow Natural Area, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer/Scatter Creek, Warren Prairie Natural Area, Wattensaw (closed on the Quail Habitat Restoration Area), Wedington, White Cliffs Natural Area, Whitehall, White Rock, Winona and Wittsburg Natural Area WMAs.

(G) Closed within Camp Robinson WDA, Electric Island WMA, J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA, Wylie Cox Field Trail Area on Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA, Wattensaw (closed only on the Quail Habitat Restoration Area) and Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs within Dardanelle WMA.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 24.04 SQUIRREL SEASONS RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess squirrel within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:
 - (A) <u>September 4-October 31, 2004</u> within Big Lake NWR and J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA and Wapanocca NWR.
 - (B) September 4-19, 2004 within Camp Robinson WDA.
 - (C) October 2, 2004-February 28, 2005 within Hope Upland WMA and Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMAs (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only).
 - (D) October 2, 2004-January 31, 2005 within Felsenthal, Pond Creek and Overflow NWRs.
 - (E) October 1-November 30, 2004 within Holla Bend Wapanocca NWR.
 - (F) <u>September 4-November 30, 2004</u> within White River NWR (South Unit) and <u>September 4, 2004-January 31, 2005</u> within White River NWR (North Unit).
 - September 4, 2004-February 28, 2005 within Bald Knob NWR, (G) Bayou Des Arc WMA, Bayou Meto WMA, Beaver Lake WMA, Bell Slough WMA, Benson Creek Natural Area, Big Creek Natural Area, Big Creek **WMA**, Big Lake WMA, Blue Mountain **WMA**, Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek, Brushy Creek WMA, Buffalo National River WMA, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek WMA, Cattail Marsh WMA, Cedar Creek WMA, Cherokee WMA, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, CHESNEY **PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA**, Cove Creek Natural Area, Cypress Bayou **WMA**, Dagmar **WMA**, Dardanelle **WMA**, Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA, DePartee Creek WMA, Devil's Knob Natural Area, Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA, Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA, Ethel WMA, Ft. Chaffee WMA, Galla Creek WMA, Gene Rush WMA, Greers Ferry Lake WMA, Gulf Mountain WMA, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harold E. Alexander/Spring River **WMA**, Harris Brake **WMA**, Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA, Hobbs SMA-SP-CA, Holland Bottoms WMA. Howard Hensley/Searcy County WMA. Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown/Independence County WMA, Jim Kress **WMA**, Jones Point **WMA**, Lee County **WMA**, Loafer's Glory WMA, Madison County WMA, Mount Magazine WMA, Muddy Creek **WMA**, **Llovd Millwood**/Nimrod WMA, Norfork Lake WMA, Ozark Lake WMA, Ozark National Forest WMA, Pine City Natural Area, Petit Jean River WMA. Piney Creeks **WMA**, Prairie Bayou **WMA**, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey WMA, Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA, Ring Slough WMA, River Bend WMA, Robert L. Hankins/Mud Creek WMA, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest WMA. St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA, Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake WMA, Slippery Hollow Natural Area, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Stateline

- Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms WMA, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore WMA, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer/Scatter Creek WMA, Wattensaw WMA, Wedington WMA, Whitehall WMA, White Rock WMA, Winona WMA and Wittsburg Natural Area WMAs.
- (H) October 2, 2004-February 28, 2005 within Beryl Anthony/Lower Ouachita WMA, Big Timber WMA, Blevins WMA, Bois D'Arc WMA, Casey Jones WMA, Choctaw Island WMA, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek WMA, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Gem Flats WMA, Howard County WMA, Lafayette County WMA, Lake Greeson WMA, Little Bayou WMA, Little River WMA, Moro Creek Bottoms Natural Area, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Ozan WMA, Pine Bluff Arsenal WMA, Poison Springs WMA, Provo WMA, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils WMA, Spring Bank WMA, Sulphur River WMA, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder WMA, Warren Prairie Natural Area and White Cliffs Natural Area WMAs.
- May 14-June 12, 2005 within Bayou Des Arc WMA, Bayou Meto (I) WMA, BEAVER LAKE WMA, Bell Slough WMA, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony/Lower Ouachita WMA, Big Creek **WMA**, Big Creek Natural Area, Big Lake WMA, Big Timber WMA, Blevins WMA, Blue Mountain WMA, Bois D'Arc WMA, Brewer Lake/Cypress Creek **WMA**, Brushy Creek **WMA**, Buffalo National River WMA, Camp Robinson WDA, Caney Creek WMA, Casey Jones WMA, Cattail Marsh WMA, Cedar Creek WMA, Cherokee WMA, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Chesney Prairie Natural Area, Choctaw Island WMA, Cove Creek Natural Area, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek WMA, Cypress Bayou WMA, Dagmar WMA, Dardanelle WMA, Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA, DePartee Creek WMA, Devils' Knob Natural Area, Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA, Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA, Ethel WMA, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, FT. Chaffee WMA, Galla Creek WMA, Gene Rush **WMA**, Greers Ferry Lake **WMA**, Gulf Mountain **WMA**, Gum Flats WMA, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harris Brake WMA, Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA, Hobbs SMA-SP-CA, Holland Bottoms **WMA**, Howard County **WMA**, Howard Hensley/Searcy County WMA, Iron Mountain Natural Area, J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA. Jamestown/Independence County WMA, Jim Kress WMA, Jones Point WMA, Lake Greeson **WMA**, Lee County **WMA**, Little Bayou **WMA**, Little River **WMA**, Loafer's Glory **WMA**, Madison County **WMA**, Moro Creek Bottoms Natural Area, Mount Magazine WMA, Muddy Creek **WMA**, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, **Lloyd** Millwood/Nimrod WMA, Norfork Lake WMA, Ozan WMA,

Ozark Lake **WMA**, Ozark National Forest **WMA**, Petit Jean River **WMA**, Pine Bluff Arsenal **WMA**, Pine City Natural Area, Piney Creeks WMA, Poison Springs WMA, Prairie Bayou WMA, Provo **WMA**, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey **WMA**, Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA, Ring Slough WMA, River Bend **WMA**, Robert L. Hankins/Mud Creek **WMA**, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest WMA, St. Francis Sunken Lands **WMA**, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils **WMA**, Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake **WMA**, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank WMA, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms **WMA**, Sulphur River **WMA**, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore WMA, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder **WMA**, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer/Scatter Creek WMA, Warren Prairie Natural Area, Wattensaw WMA, Wedington WMA, White Cliffs Natural Area, Whitehall **WMA**, White River NWR (North unit), White Rock **WMA**, Winona **WMA** and Wittsburg Natural Area **WMAs**.

- (J) Fall Squirrel closed within Electric Island WMA.
- (K) Spring Squirrel closed within Bald Knob NWR, Big Lake NWR, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Electric Island WMA, Felsenthal NWR, Harold E. Alexander/Spring River WMA, Holla Bend NWR, Hope Upland WMA, Lafayette County WMA, Overflow NWR, Pond Creek NWR, Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMA, White River NWR (South Unit) and Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs on Dardanelle WMA, Wapanocca NWR and Wylie Cox Field Trail Area on Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA WMAs.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

24.07 FURBEARERS SEASON CLOSED OR RESTRICTED ON

O3-04 CERTAIN-WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess furbearers on any WMAs other than as specified herein:
Hunting-Sunrise, September 1, 2004-Sunset, February 28, 2005. Limit two per day per species. Raccoon may be hunted at night from July 1-August 31, 2004. Limit one. Raccoon may be taken day or night from November 12, 2004-March 31, 2005. Dogs are required for night hunting. No limit.

Trapping-<u>Sunrise</u>, <u>November 12</u>, <u>2004</u>-<u>Sunset</u>, <u>February 6</u>, <u>2005</u>. No limit. Muskrat, nutria and beaver (trap)-Sunrise, <u>November 12</u>, <u>2004</u>-<u>Sunset</u>, <u>March 31</u>, <u>2005</u>. No limit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Camp Robinson WDA-Furbearer, muskrat, nutria and beaver trapping season is closed.
- (2) Cedar Creek and Electric Island WMAs-Furbearer hunting season is closed.

- (3) J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA-Furbearer hunting and trapping, muskrat and nutria trapping seasons are closed, except chase for pleasure or training purposes only permitted year-round. Closed during field trials.
- (4) Wapanocca NWR-Beaver and nutria may be taken during any daytime season with legal hunting devices and raccoon and opossum may be taken only at night from November 1-30 and March 1-31.
- (5) Hunting and trapping allowed under the conditions and during the seasons provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit or refuge trapping permit on all NWRs.

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

24.08 COYOTE SEASON CLOSED OR RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN

WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess coyotes within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:
All WMAs-September 1, 2004-February 28, 2005 and from the first day of Spring Turkey season through the last day of Spring Squirrel season. No dogs. No limit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Bell Slough WMA-Firearms is closed.
- (2) Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA-Closed unless other hunting seasons are open.
- (3) Cedar Creek and Electric Island WMAs-Closed.
- (4) Hope Upland WMA and Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMAs-Closed, except open on Tuesdays during day light hours only.
- (5) Casey Jones and Cherokee WMAs-In compliance with Code 22.01 Dog Restrictions on WMAs Exception 11.
- (6) Allowed only under the conditions and during the seasons provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit on all NWRs.
- (7) During youth turkey hunts only youths may take coyotes. No limit.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

24.09 CROW SEASON CLOSED OR RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAS.

It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess crows within the following WMAs other than as specified herein: **All WMAs-September 4**, 2004-February 25, 2005. Thursdays-Mondays only. No limit.

EXCEPTIONS:

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- (1) All NWRs, Camp Robinson WDA and Electric Island WMA-Closed.
- (2) Hope Upland and Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMAs-Open Thursdays and Saturdays only during the statewide season.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORD	er No:		SUBJECT:	2004-2005 General Hunting Regulations (excluding deer, bear and turkey)
DATE PASSEI	D :	March 18, 2004		
PAGE 1	of	1 PAGES	LOCATION:	Statewide
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Submitted by:				
Division:	Donny Wildli	Harris fe	Chairman	Commissioner
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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	ON COMPLETING THIS S	TATEMENT	Donny Harris
	EPHONE NO. <u>501-223-6359</u>		Donny Harris
	EMAIL: dmharris@agfc.s		
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